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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

This may be my second e-mail on this topic, but, if so, I did not realize that the Tunny Act allowed public comment which might actually be read by Judge Kollar-Kotelly. I would like the Judge to know that I am strongly opposed to the proposed settlement. An unelected administration has joined with a vicious monopolist to anoint a new tyranny. The "pre-load" agreements, which require a percentage of Microsoft operating systems to be installed on new computers, seems to me to be a per-se violation of the anti-trust law. The destruction of Netscape by predatory pricing (giving away Internet Explorer) and restricting access to distribution channels is an historic and remarkable example of the exercise of monopoly power. These, in my opinion, are the two most egregious examples, but I am sure there are hundreds more. In my own case, I believe I have been harmed by being forced to purchase inferior software at inflated prices and to purchase and use inferior computers at similarly inflated prices. Software which I had invested time and effort to learn was sabotaged by Microsoft, I refer specifically to WordPerfect. The inferiority of Microsoft software is dramatically demonstrated by the numerous "virusus" which impair the operation of the internet. As another personal example, I acquired a "Certified Microsoft Professional" certificate for "Windows NT in the Enterprise", which turned out to be a pile of complete schlock. After a great deal of time and effort, and expense of over \$2,000, I was taught very little about computer networking, but there was a great deal of Microsoft promotional material. After I learned more about computer networks (no thanks to Microsoft), I really felt cheated. Only a very powerful and completely arrogant, manipulative, and ruthless monopoly could pull off the crap that Microsoft has gotten away with. In short, Microsoft is, in my opinion, a criminal enterprise that deserves to have the book thrown at them. Instead, I consider the prospect of the judicially created administration in alliance with a judicially sanctioned corporate lord of computing. I respectfully request that the court reject the settlement, prevent a continuation of this destructive monopoly, and impose strict penalties on Microsoft.

Sincerely,
Kevin McCormick